

Senate Resolution 833

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Janice Ramsey for her efforts in creating a new and modern writer's workshop;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Janice Ramsey is currently an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at E.T. Booth
4 Middle School; and

5 WHEREAS, she has loved to write ever since she was in the fifth grade when one of her
6 poems was published in a national magazine, and she began teaching 12 years ago with the
7 idea that she wanted to find more effective and authentic ways for students to learn; she
8 wanted them to connect to the world outside of school and to provide opportunities for
9 self-discovery; and

10 WHEREAS, while she was attending Kennesaw State University, she learned about writing
11 through a writer's workshop format, and she brought this idea with her to E.T. Booth and
12 introduced the student-centered Writer's Block; and

13 WHEREAS, the premise of the Writer's Block is simple; students are provided with three
14 key components: choice, ownership, and time, and within the framework of the Georgia
15 standards, students are given time to develop pieces of writing of their choice across all
16 genres and subject areas; and

17 WHEREAS, to this day, many of her former students come back to her to say that the
18 Writer's Block has remained as one of their favorite learning experiences; and

19 WHEREAS, beginning soon, Janice will be conducting Professional Learning Unit teacher
20 in-service classes on the use of e-mail to enhance writing, and she also plans on writing a
21 proposal to present her research at next September's National Council of Teachers of English
22 National Convention in New York City.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend Janice Ramsey for teaching and inspiring the next generation of writers and wish
3 her continued health and happiness.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Janice Ramsey.